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1. PURSUANT REFERENCE B WE BRIEFED FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (BRAITHWAITE, HEAD OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION DEPT, EXTERNAL) AND MIN TRADE (LAM, UNDER SECRETARY AND GENT, ASST SEC), ON PACKAGE CONTAINED REFERENCE A. WE LEFT COPIES OF EBERLE-SOAMES LETTER WITH ATTACHMENTS.

2. LAM SAID PERMREPS MEETING IN BRUSSELS TONIGHT, CONFIDENTIAL

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MARCH 28, AND THUS TOO LATE TO DO MORE THAN COMMENT BY

TELEPHONE, BUT HE ALSO NOTED THAT SECSTATE FOR TRADE SHORE AND DEPUTY SECRETARY DENMAN NOW IN BRUSSELS AND THAT DENMAN THOROUGHLY CONVERSANT WITH BACKGROUND AND DETAILS UK POSITION.

3. LAM SAID HIS INITIAL REACTION TO US PROPOSAL WAS THAT GRAINS ROLLOVER FORMULA IN ANNEX B OF LETTER WOULD PROVE UNACCEPTABLE TO PERM REPS. IT REPRESENTED CONSIDERABLY HARDER US POSITION THAN THAT HE BELIEVED EBERLE AND SOAMES HAD ACCEPTED MARCH 22-23. HE DOUBTED THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD AGREE WITH THE APPARENT INTENT OF PARA 4 OF THE US STATEMENT TO RESERVE ITS RIGHTS ON ALL LISTED CEREALS, AND THAT EXERCISE OF ITS RIGHTS WOULD NOT UPSET BALANCE OF CONCESSIONS OR ALLOW OTHER CPS TO MAKE COUNTER WITHDRAWALS. HE BELIEVED EC MIGHT REPLY THAT THE EC WAS BEING ASKED MAKE SIGNIFICANT EXTENSION OF REVISED OFFER WHICH ALREADY PROVIDED SOME COMPENSATION FOR CEREALS. HE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY GIVE IN US FORMULA. IN REPLY WE NOTED THAT PACKAGE WAS INTERDEPENDENT, INTER-RELATED WHOLE AND THAT IT HAD BEEN CLEARED AT HIGH LEVEL IN WASHINGTON.

4. FROM PHONE CALL WITH UK MISSION BRUSSELS WHICH CAME IN WHILE WE WERE PRESENT WE GATHER MISSION SHARES LAM AND GENT INITIAL VIEWS.

5. FCO TOOK NOTE OF LETTER BUT MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT.

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